**Parkinson’s Disease**

The patient must meet at least one of the following criteria (1 or 2):

1. Severely impaired breathing capacity with all of the following findings:
   - Dyspnea at rest
   - Vital capacity less than 30%
   - The requirement of supplemental oxygen at rest
   - The patient declines artificial ventilation

   OR

2. Rapid disease progression and either a or b below:
   - Progression from independent ambulation to wheelchair or bed-bound status
   - Progression from normal to barely intelligible or unintelligible speech
   - Progression from normal to pureed diet
   - Progression from independence in most or all Activities of Daily Living (ADL) to needing major assistance by caretaker in all ADLs
   - Progression of Dementia (often Lewy-Body type), now FAST score 7A (See Appendix 3)

   AND

   a. Severe nutritional impairment demonstrated by all of the following in the preceding twelve (12) months:
      - Oral intake of nutrients and fluids insufficient to sustain life
      - Continuing weight loss
      - Dehydration or hypovolemia
      - Absence of artificial feeding

   OR

   b. Life-threatening complications demonstrated by one or more of the following in the preceding twelve (12) months:
      - Recurrent aspiration pneumonia (with or without tube feedings)
      - Upper urinary tract infection (e.g. Pyelonephritis)
      - Sepsis
      - Recurrent fever after antibiotic therapy
      - Stage 3 or 4 decubitus ulcer(s)

In the absence of one or more of these findings, rapid decline or comorbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.